

Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 09812.0118-00000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Takefumi NAGUMO et al.)
Application No.: Not Yet Assigned) Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned
Filed: October 21, 2005) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
For: **IMAGE DECODING DEVICE**) Confirmation No. Not Yet Assigned
AND IMAGE DECODING)
METHOD)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants bring to the Examiner's attention the documents listed on attached Form PTO/SB/08 and cited in the international search report. Copies of the listed foreign patent documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the documents listed on attached Form PTO/SB/08 and indicate that they were considered by making an appropriate notation on this form.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-referenced application.

The following are listed on the accompanying PTO/SB/08 and are in a non-English language:

1. JP 10-271444
2. JP 8-214260
3. JP 6-339117

In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the non-English documents, enclosed is an English-language international search report from the Japanese Patent Office in the PCT international application, from which this national phase U.S. application is derived, citing these references and setting forth the relevance thereof.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents. Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

10/553960

JC12 Rec'd PCT/PTC 21 OCT 2005

Customer No. 22,852

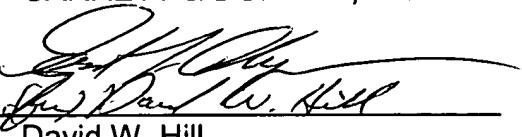
Attorney Docket No. 09812.0118-00000

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW,
GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

Dated: October 21, 2005

By: 
David W. Hill
Reg. No. 28,220

Enclosures
DWH/FPD/alp

ERNEST F. CHAPMAN
Reg. No. 25,961

IDS Form PTO/SB/08: Substitute for form 1449A/PTO				<i>Complete if Known</i> <u>10/553960</u>	
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT <i>(Use as many sheets as necessary)</i>				<i>Application Number</i>	Not Yet Assigned
				<i>Filing Date</i>	October 21, 2005
				<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Takefumi NAGUMO et al.
				<i>Art Unit</i>	Not Yet Assigned
				<i>Examiner Name</i>	Not Yet Assigned
Sheet	1	of	1	<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	09812.0118-00000

U.S. PATENTS AND PUBLISHED U.S. PATENT APPLICATIONS

Note: Copies of the U.S. Patent Documents are not Required in IDS filed after October 21, 2004

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document Country Code ³ Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	Translation ⁶
		JP 10-271444 ✓	10-09-1998	SONY CORP.		No
		JP 8-214260 ✓	08-20-1996	SONY CORP.		No
		EP 0 735 780 ✓	10-02-1996	SONY CORP.		
		JP 6-339117 ✓	12-06-1994	MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD.		No

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials ¹	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	Translation ⁶

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
-----------------------	--	--------------------	--

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.